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SUBJECT: PETROS G. MOLYVIATIS, GREEK DEPUTY PERMREP

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1. SEPTEMBER 18 EDITION OF ATLANTIC NEWS REPORTED THAT PETROS G. MOLYVIATIS, DEPUTY GREEK PERMREP AT NATO, HAS BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS IN CABINET OF PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS.

2. DURING HIS TENURE AT NATO, MOLYVIATIS HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE ABLE AND PRO-WESTERN. HE IMPRESSED THIS MISSION AS A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE DEPTH AND ONE WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S. ALTHOUGH HIS SERVICE AS DCM AT GREEK MISSION WAS RELATIVELY BRIEF, HE POSSESSES GOOD WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF NATO AND ITS ANCILLARY ORGANIZATIONS. HE HAS SAID THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE TREMENDOUS BENEFITS THAT GREECE HAS DERIVED FROM FULL PARTICIPATION IN NATO FOR PAST 22 YEARS; AND THAT HE HOPES IN HIS NEW POST TO USE THAT KNOWLEDGE TO EDUCATE SOME OF HIS COUNTRYMEN TO THE LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIONS THEY ARE NOW TAKING TO RE-DEFINE GREECE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ALLIANCE. ALTHOUGH HIS INTERVENTIONS IN NATO COMMITTEES HAVE NOT

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BEEN FREQUENT OR FORCEFUL, HE HAS DISPLAYED A GOOD GRASP OF SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, COMMON SENSE AND A WILLINGNESS TO SEEK COMPROMISE.

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